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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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FOR ACTING SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR BYROADE

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SUBJECT: PL 480 AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 235594

1. ON FRIDAY, FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE FROM ISLAMABAD WILL ANNOUNCE OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE PAKISTAN WITH 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT. THE PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN PRESSING US HARD FOR PERMISSION TO BUY AGAINST THE FORTHCOMING AGREEMENT. WE HAVE PUT THEM OFF WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE COMING THIS WEEK. HOWEVER REFERENCED TELEGRAM TELLS US THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER AND THAT THE PAKISTANIS CANNOT BUY UNDER A LETTER OF CONDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT PRIOR TO THAT TIME. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT PAKISTAN WILL NEED A GREAT DEAL MORE WHEAT THAN THIS (100,000 TONS WHICH THEY COULD BUY IN THE INTERIM I THINK WE LOSE MUCH OF THE BENEFIT OF THE AGREEMENT BY DELAYING ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND ALSO WE MAKE IT HARDER FOR THE PAKISTANIS TO PLAN SINCE THERE IS NO GUARANTY WHEN WE WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT. FOR THIS REASON I WOULD APPRECIATE ASSURANCE TODAY OR TOMORROW THAT AFTER FRIDAY'S

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ANNOUNCEMENT THE PAKISTANIS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY UNDER A LETTER

OF CONDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE OR ELSE THAT THE
NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE OUT TO US EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. I SEE NO PROBLEM IN GETTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE
SORGHUM PROBLEM BEFORE WE SIGN AN AGREEMENT.
BYROADE

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